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1. [ ] Received a call from [ ] who asked if we could determine from the Senate Armed Services Committee whether the Administration had agreed to accept [ ] ceiling for Laos in the Defense Procurement Authorization bill. It is [ ] impression that Fred Buzhardt, General Counsel, DOD, had given this indication to Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee.

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2. [ ] Mr. Maury and I talked with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and asked him about Committee action on the Laos ceiling. Braswell said the Committee has completed its markup on the bill and has settled on a ceiling [ ] for expenditures in Laos including funds for AID. See Memorandum for the Record.

Braswell also brought up the subject of the Cooper bill (S. 2224) and expressed concern about this legislation even though he had prepared a letter for Senator Stennis which would block action by the Senate without the agreement of the Armed Services Committee. Braswell asked for our suggestions as to how the Chairman might oppose this legislation and we gave him some of our thoughts on the subject. See Memorandum for the Record.

Braswell mentioned the draft report which I had left with him on the McClellan bill (S. 3529). I assured him this was nothing of a controversial nature and said we had gone ahead with our submission of the draft letter to OMB for clearance. He said this was fine.

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3. [ ] John Goldsmith, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, called regarding the Hersh story alleging Agency involvement in "Rainmaking" in the New York Times of 3 July. He said we could expect questions on this matter. See Memorandum for the Record.

Goldsmith said we would probably be unhappy over the fact they had cut the ceiling in Laos from about [ ]

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4. [ ] Picked up from the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy the transcript of the Director's briefing of the Committee on 13 June.

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